

**REMARKS**

In its decision on appeal in connection with the above-referenced application, the BPAI reversed the rejections for inadequate written description and nonenablement for pending claims 6-9. Applicants have amended claims 6-9 and presented them in independent form for consideration and allowance by the Examiner. Claims 1-5 and 10-47 are canceled without prejudice (Note: Claims 15, 16 and 19-47 were canceled in a paper filed by Applicants on July 2, 2001).

CONCLUSION

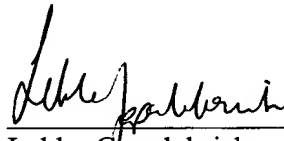
Applicants believe that currently amended claims 6-9 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the Examiner grant such an action. If any questions or issues remain in the resolution of which the Examiner feels will be advanced by a conference with the Applicants' attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney at the number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 10-0447 (Reference No. 50657-05302USP1).

Respectfully submitted,

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